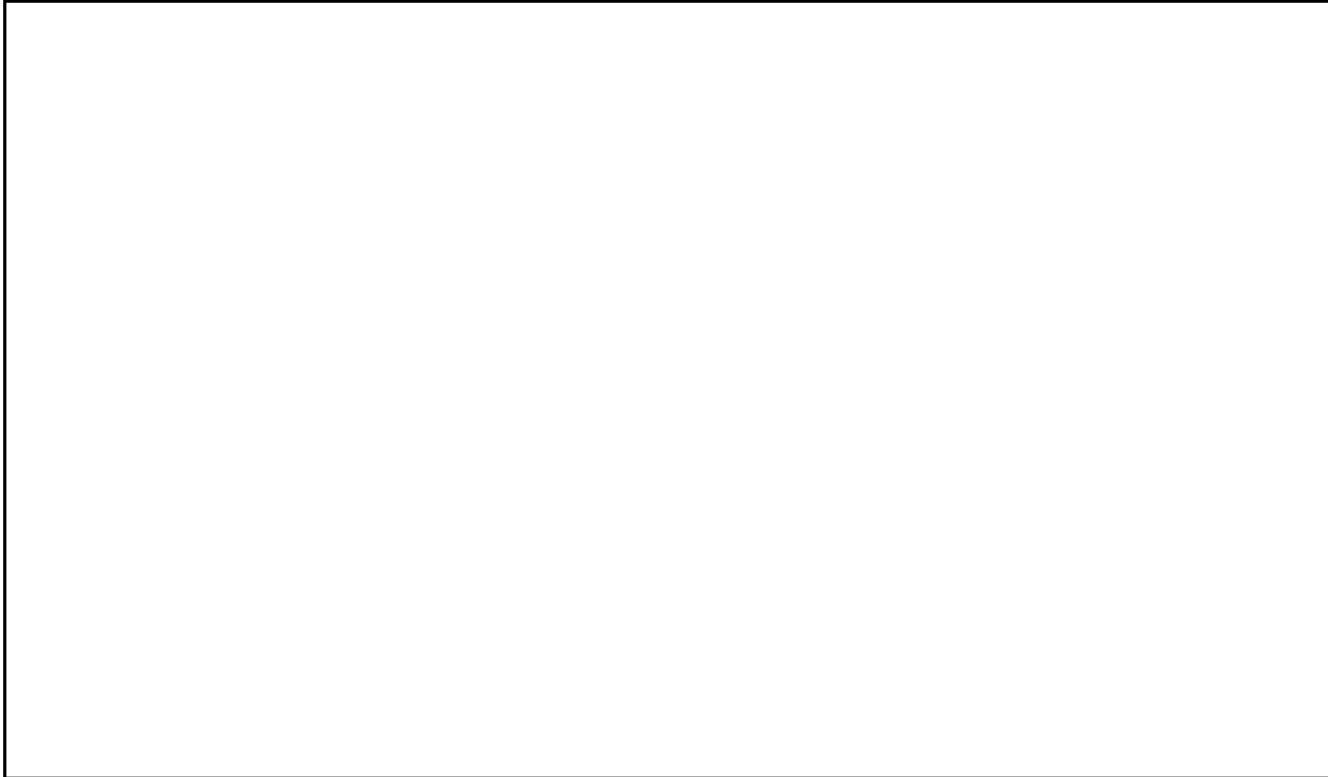


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6. [ ]- JMM) Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, said Senator Stennis was much interested in references in the current press revelations about our Vietnam involvement to a certain National Intelligence Estimate of several years ago. Braswell said that, according to the press, this Estimate had minimized the strategic effectiveness of bombings of North Vietnam and had tended to discount the domino theory--views which Senator Stennis himself had also shared. I told Braswell I would look into the matter and let him know what the Estimate had said. Braswell indicated the Chairman would no doubt like to see the Estimate himself, to which I made no response.

Braswell asked if the Director's congressional briefings during the period in question had expressed skepticism regarding the effectiveness of the bombings or the validity of the domino theory. I said I would have to check the record in order to answer.

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1. [ ] JMM) Talked to Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, regarding legislation for the future of our Radios--he sees no problem in getting House approval of the Senate bill for handling them under a continuing resolution until 6 August.

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2. [ ]- JMM) Discussed the Radios problem with Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, who says he thinks the bill for taking care of the Radios under a continuing resolution will survive in the Senate, but he is not at all sure of the long-term future of the Radios. He feels they cannot survive indefinitely in an "open environment" in the face of present congressional economy drives.

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3. [ ]- JMM) Discussed with Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, problems created by the Symington amendment and pointed out that programs in which the Agency is involved, both in its own behalf and in behalf of DOD, come close to amounting to the full \$200 million limit which the Symington amendment would impose on U.S. operations in Laos. Braswell asked me to provide him with a breakdown of our figures on both our own programs and the programs we are helping to handle with DOD.

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4. [ ]- JMM) Pat Holt, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, called to request a briefing on Mexico and I asked Mr. [ ] to arrange it with [ ] of OCI.

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